

Clearance of irrigation schemes of Andhra Pradesh by CWC

3030. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guthpa Lift Irrigation Scheme, Alisagar Lift Irrigation Scheme and J. Chokka Rao Godavari Lift Irrigation Schemes of Andhra Pradesh have been cleared by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds to be earmarked, scheme-wise; and

(c) the time-frame by which the above project are likely to be taken up by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Guthpa Lift Irrigation Scheme, Alisagar Lift Irrigation Scheme and Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme are under various stages of appraisal. Water availability for Alisagar and Guthpa Lift Irrigation Schemes are to be established. Observations on irrigation planning for Alisagar and Guthpa LIS were sent to Government of Andhra Pradesh on 23.11.2006 and observations on water availability on 07.12.2006. For Godavari LIS, observations on irrigation planning were sent to GoAP on 07.12.2006. As per detailed project reports submitted by the GoAP, the estimated cost of the projects are Rs. 227.69 crore for Alisagar LIS, Rs. 182.87 crore for Guthpa LIS and Rs. 5216.34 crore for Godavari LIS.

After completion of appraisal of project by Central Water Commission, the projects are taken up with the TAC of MOWR for clearance and then investment clearance by Planning Commission is considered. The clearance to project by Central Appraising Agencies and Planning Commission depends on promptness with which State Government replies to the observations of the central appraising agencies.

Declaration of water resources as a National asset

3031. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has instructed the